

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-19 have been rejected over the Powell, Fezio and Piegay patents. Reconsideration is requested.

As now claimed, the invention may include the following features:

- At least one guide element arranged in the longitudinal direction of a sliding board, provided for arranging additional elements,
- the at least one guide element being connected to (fastened to) the sliding board via a plurality of fastening elements,
- the plurality of fastening elements may be spaced apart from each other in the longitudinal direction of the sliding board,
- the sliding board having an upper and a lower skin, a running surface and a foamed core,
- the guide element being fastened to the sliding board by at least one of the fastening elements in a positionally fixed manner,
- the guide element is allowed limited mobility in the longitudinal direction of the sliding board by at least one other fastening element,
- the fastening element fixing the guide element in a positionally fixed manner is integrated into the foam by foaming of the core and hardening of the foam.

Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to further explain the feature of securing the guide element with limited longitudinal mobility to the “other” fastening element; namely to permit deflection of the sliding board unimpeded by the guide element. See paragraph [0004]. This feature is not disclosed and cannot be achieved by any combination of the references.

The limited mobility of the guide element with respect to the sliding board may be provided in part by the feature of claim 10, “ wherein the guide element has a receiving location for the other fastening element, which receiving location has clearances in the longitudinal direction of the sliding board for limited mobility of the guide element in relation to the sliding board.”

Another arrangement providing for the limited movement is stated in claims 11 and 12:

Claim 11

The sliding board as claimed in claim 1, wherein the guide element is, together with the other fastening element, arranged for limited movement in the longitudinal direction in relation to the sliding board.

Claim 12

The sliding board as claimed in claim 11, wherein the other fastening element is in the interior of the sliding board, arranged for limited movement on a receiving part which is integrated by foaming of the core and hardening of the foam.

Yet another claimed arrangement providing for limited movement is stated in claims 15 and 16.

Claim 15

The sliding board as claimed in claim 14, wherein the other fastening element is arranged for limited movement in the longitudinal direction of the sliding board in the receiving opening of the receiving part and also for limited movement in relation to the upper skin.

Claim 16

The sliding board as claimed in claim 14 or 15, wherein a clearance is provided in the longitudinal direction of the sliding board in an opening in the upper skin passed through by the other fastening element and in the receiving opening.

The features of claims 10-12 and 15-16 are nowhere seen in the prior art, and are not mentioned in the Office Action.

As now amended, claims 1-19 are clearly distinguished from Powell and the other art. The invention of claims 1-19 has significant benefits, not achieved or achievable by the state of the art, as described throughout the specification, particularly in paragraph [0004]. Allowance is therefore requested.

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